Note from the Editor
Emma Deignan '18
This J-Term I have been interning with a local photographer and business owner, Brittany Todd '10. I've learned the ins and outs of owning and running a small business, explored the intricacies of balancing artistic integrity with customer service, and gotten the chance to work on my photography skills. Although I'm studying social work, this internship has given me the opportunity to pursue some of my other interests, such as photography, business, and marketing. It's experiences like this that make Luther and the liberal arts stand out to me, and I'm excited to see how I use these skills in the future.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month's Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.

Message from Corey Landstrom
Vice President and Dean for Student Life
The new year brings an opportunity to take stock of our progress, and for students, that translates to a focus on their curricular and co-curricular experiences as well as personal development goals. For first-year students, who take one course over January Term rather than three or four, this time of year brings a different pace than the fall semester. Other students may be on campus for classes or winter-season athletics, or they may be out in the world for a study away course or internship. Regardless of their current experience, the
spring semester awaits their return.

Read more.

Luther News

Gender, Development, and International Engagement

Discussing her career in global development and human rights, Luther College alumna Cynthia Kamikazi, class of 2005, presented "Gender, Development and International Engagement" on Jan. 12 in Valders Hall of Science on the Luther campus. Read More

The National Parks: America's Best Idea

Celebrating the beauty of the great outdoors and national spaces in the United States, a six-part screening of Ken Burns' documentary, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea," is scheduled throughout January on the Luther College campus. "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" was produced by Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan and highlights the United States park system and its history. It originally aired on the Public Broadcasting System in 2009 and won two Emmys in 2010: for outstanding writing in episode two, "The Last Refuge," and for outstanding non-fiction series. It took more than six years of filming to capture the scenes, including shots from Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, the Florida Everglades, and the Gates of the Arctic in Alaska. Read more.

See all headlines.

Luther Events Calendar

Men's & Women's Basketball - Simpson College
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Home

Gallery Show "Remembering Martin Luther King Jr." photography
Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018
9 a.m.
Preus Library

2nd Semester Opening Convocation: Sonya Malunda
Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018
9:40 a.m.
Center for Faith and Life, Main Hall

All Thing$ Financial
Work study is taxable income and your student(s) will be issued a W-2 at the end of January 2018. W-2s can be received electronically by having your student log on to my.luther.edu, to authorize Luther College to deliver the electronic form.

Please remember to file the 2018-19 FAFSA online at [https://fafsa.gov/](https://fafsa.gov/). The FAFSA for 2018-19 became available October 1, 2017. You will use your tax information from 2016 to complete the FAFSA. Do NOT use 2017 tax information.

Spring semester payments were due on January 10, 2018.

Form 1098-T (used for tax filing) is available electronically by selecting this option on my.luther.edu. Any questions regarding bills or Form 1098-T should be directed to Financial Services at (563) 387-1015.

We will be sending reminder emails to students who reported outside agency scholarships to us earlier in the year, if we have not received payment from the agency.

If your student(s) claimed an EXEMPT status in 2017 on the federal or state W-4, a new 2018 W-4 needs to be completed with the Student Employment Office. Reminder emails will be sent to students later in January.